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**Board of Police Commissioners
Tuesday March 1, 2016
Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM Town Hall Commission Room**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Bill Brady Chairman, Beth Gralnick Vice Chairman, Jess DiPasquale, Susan Moch, Dawn Egan, Woody Bliss
Absent: Peter Ottomano
Others Present: Chief Troxell, Nina Daniel, Chip Platow, Margaret Wirtenberg, John Pokorny Fire Chief, Greg Menti Weston Forum, Allen Swerdlow, Dr. Sandler, Brian Humes Architect, Weston Residents

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Consideration / Approval February 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Bill Brady asked First Selectman Nina Daniel to swear in Dawn Egan to the Police Commission. The First Selectman then proceeded to swear in Dawn Egan as a new member of the Weston Police Commission everyone applauded.

Commissioner Bliss made a motion to make a correction to the minutes, the Commissioners will approve at the next meeting.

- a) Public Facilities Update – Chairman Brady introduced Architect Brian Humes to discuss the alternatives and updates to the Police Department facilities. First Selectman Daniel commented as to the speedy and extraordinary request for Mr. Humes to come back to the Commission with modified and new plans, in light of the opportunities presented by the Town’s securing an option to purchase the 177 Weston Road property. Architect Humes provided a new set of drawings with more details and alternatives for the town to consider in less than a month. The Commissioners then heard a review and summary by First Selectman Daniel of the**

previous Town Selectmans meeting as well as a subsequent meeting with certain stake holders to informally discuss the opportunities afforded by potential ownership of the 177 Weston Road property, both in the immediate short term and for future expansions at the combined property to accommodate long term needs. First Selectman Daniel observed that Mr. Humes had produced several new and creative concepts, ideas and was impressed with his work product. The First Selectman asked the Commissioners to consider and determine if Architect Humes plans accommodate the Police facility needs.

Brian Humes of Jacunski Humes Architects presented a plan for the schematic design of a renovated police station of 8,000 square feet to satisfy the needs of the police department. Brian Humes was asked to create the plan in the footprint of the existing town hall/police department. The Commission Room would stay and also be used for classroom training and emergency services. The mechanicals of the police department would need to be upgraded. The police department currently has one sally port with this new design it will have two sally ports. The evidence room will now have storage lockers. The regional crime lab will have a separate door so that outside police officers, FBI and the State Attorney will be able to enter the lab. 177 Weston Road is under signed option to purchase which means pending a town approved meeting on April 20, 2016. The purchase price of 177 Weston Road is \$710,000. Brian Humes estimated the Police Departments renovations will cost approximately 2.8 million. The First Selectman would like to have a Special Meeting on March 15, 2016 with the Police Commission to vote on whether this meets the Police Department's needs. The First Selectman would like to bring this to the ATBM and her option to buy 177 Weston Road is July 1, 2016. The First Selectman asked Brian Humes in order for us to move forward with this renovation what does he need from the Police Commission. Brian said he would need to know if the Dispatch center is going to stay in its current location or is it going to move into the Police Department.

3. Chief's Report

- a) **Result of Portable Speed Trailer on Goodhill Road –** Chip Platow wanted to thank Officer Curcio for his continued support providing a log of the motor vehicle stops. There have been numerous stops on Goodhill Road. The Commission will continue the enforcement on Goodhill Road.
- b) **Valley Forge Road Update –** Pedestrian signs there is not a place to put a pedestrian sign since there aren't any crosswalks. The new bridge has helped visibility by the bridge.
- c) **Current Monthly Reports / OT / Budget –** One Officer is out with a line of duty injury. Overtime has been down. Johnny Marsili is doing very well at the Police Academy.
- d) **Grant Updates / Donations –**We have received in total \$8,500.00 in donations.

4. Sub-Committee Reports

- a) **Budget Discussion / Gralnick, Moch, Bliss & Brady – The First Selectman wants to put forth a proposal that reduces the money in our budget for the new hire by 60/40 split with the Board of Education.**
- b) **Citizen of the Year Update – Jess DiPasquale - No one has been officially submitted. There is an article in the Weston Forum.**

5. Additional Business for Commission Consideration – None at this time.

Commissioner Brady asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:10 PM, 2nd by Commissioner Egan, motion approved.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 10:30 PM and adjourned at 10:35 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gunshor
Police Commission Recording Secretary**

**Approved
April 5, 2016**